

# City of Madison Heights

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#### January 25, 2012

The following is an excerpt from the minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Madison Heights City Council of the City of Madison Heights, Oakland County, Michigan, held on January 23, 2012, at 7:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time in the Municipal Building in said City.

Present:

Mayor Swanson, Mayor Pro Tem Corbett, Councilmembers Clark, Geralds,

Gettings, Hartwell and Scott.

Absent:

None.

### 19. DTE Energy Smart Meter Program Resolution.

## RESOLUTION TO MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION REGARDING DTE ENERGY SMART METERS

WHEREAS, DTE Energy ("DTE") is in the midst of a comprehensive program for the installation of new meters to customers in the City of Madison Heights, replacing existing meters with DTE Energy Smart Meters, which are computerized electric devices allowing for remote reading by DTE via radio frequencies and two-way communication between DTE and the smart meters; and,

WHEREAS, the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) has exclusive jurisdiction in this matter; and,

WHEREAS, public utilities have indicated that smart meters provide a benefit to utilities by providing improved energy efficiency and emergency response time, eliminating the need for onsite personnel and equipment to read each consumer meter, and by allowing the possibility to offer residents lower electric rates at non-peak times; and,

WHEREAS, a number of persons including residents of the City of Madison Heights have expressed concerns regarding smart meters in the areas of health, privacy, and a lack of consumer/homeowner options relative to the installation of these meters by DTE; and,

WHEREAS, the Madison Heights City Council believes it is appropriate to assist its concerned residents in obtaining consideration of their issues by requesting careful review and analysis thereof by the MPSC; and,

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WHEREAS, on January 12, 2012, the MPSC announced that it was launching an investigation into smart meters (Case No. U-17000), and gave deadlines of March 16th for electric utilities to submit information and April 16th for interested person to file replay comments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Madison Heights supports the MPSC's investigation into DTE's deployment of smart meters relative to the expressed public concerns over the potential health effects of DTE smart meters, privacy issues, and lack of consumer/homeowner options to either opt-out of the installation in the first place or to have the smart meter removed after installation, as a result of consumer/homeowner concerns that may have arisen after said installation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that City Council urges the MPSC to include an open public forum for discussion of these issues within the commission's review process on this matter

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is directed to deliver a copy of this Resolution to State Senator John Pappageorge, State Representative Jim Townsend, DTE Energy Regulatory Affairs, and the Michigan Municipal League.

Yeas:

Geralds, Gettings, Hartwell, Scott, Swanson, Clark, Corbett

Nays:

None

#### CERTIFICATION:

I, the duly authorized City Clerk of the City of Madison Heights, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Madison Heights City Council on January 23, 2012.

Marilyn J. Haley

City Clerk